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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 9 May 1966

R. Jack Smith tabled the latest Task Force Lookout report which included the probability of four additional helicopters going to North Vietnam. (See Action Item 1) He noted that [redacted]

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Godfrey noted a report from the U.S. Military Attaché in Vientiane that a relatively good Laotian Air Force Officer may shortly be placed under arrest for coup plotting. FitzGerald reported [redacted] this particular incident will be smoothed over. Godfrey also noted that the prevailing winds in China are unfavorable for a Chinese shot at this time.

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The Executive Director-Comptroller asked that the Executive Committee members at their staff meetings remind those concerned that they should not seek to spend monies which are left prior to the close of the Fiscal Year unless they had to do so. He noted that this was of particular concern to the President and that the Agency funds not spent are not lost but will go into

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the reserves. He noted that a briefing on "Human Communications in Crisis Management," an IDA briefing, will be shown on 11 May at 10:30 in the auditorium. He raised the question of the number of No-Escort badges which have been issued by the Agency. He stated that while the number had been reduced to 650, this was still excessive and he urged that all cooperate in an effort to reduce this figure.

The DDCI asked deSilva if the Land Reform Group had met yet. deSilva stated that they had not and the DDCI urged that [redacted] the Agency 25X1 representative, convene a meeting promptly.

ACTIONS

Recon 1. The DCI requested that he be furnished with the number of helicopters in North Vietnam. (DDI in the course of the day) *To JC*

2. On the question of the coverage of targets in North Vietnam, the DCI wants specific references to counter any DOD generalities on the subject. *To JC*

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